

. Regular meeting of the City Council. Austin, Texas, June 3rd 1909:

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor presiding: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5

Absent none .

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, that a cordial invitation be and is hereby extended to his Excellency William H Taft, President of the United States, to visit Austin, Texas, and accept its hospitalities upon the occasion of his contemplated tour through the West and Southwest portions of the United States in the fall of 1909.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5

Nays none.

By Mayor Wooldridge an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500.00 for the purpose of paying Judge R L Penn for legal services The ordinance was read the first time and the rule suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5

Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next meeting.

On motion the Council recessed until tomorrow morning Wednesday June 4th 1909.

Wednesday June 4th 1909.

The Council was called to order by Mayor Wooldridge, with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from K C Miller asking permission to erect an Iron clad building within the fire limits. The petition was read the first time.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place the names of Claud Leonard and P T Peterson on the regular payroll of the Sanitary Dept from June 1st 1909.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the old steam Fire engine, now located in the Hall of Washington Fire Company, be and the same is hereby directed to be transferred to the Hall of the North Austin Fire Company, for use in case of emergency in the northern part of the City, where the water pressure is insufficient in case of a severe fire, and when said steam engine could be used to good advantage .

It further appearing to the Council that said engine is in good condition except the need of repacking which can be done at small expense, if any to the City, as the packing material can be obtained from the water & Light Dept, and one of the experienced employees of said Dept has volunteered to do the repacking.

It is therefore further resolved that said repacking be made and the Chief

Invitation to President Taft

Appropriation for legal services

K C Miller for license permit

Claud Leonard & P. T. Peterson on irregular Sanitary roll

Resolution concerning fire engine to North Austin Hall

of the Fire Department is hereby directed to carry this resolution into effect.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from R V Dixon, asking damages for cement that was stored in a certain building which damage it is claimed was caused by defective condition of street & gutter.

The petition was read. Councilman Bartholomew moved that the petition be NOT granted, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Powell presented a communication from the City Engineerin regard to street work, which was read and ordered filed.

By Councilman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500.00 for the purpose of paying weekly pay rolls street Dept.

The ordinance was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Supt of Parks and Public property be authorized to constuct and extend the Electric lines from East Avenue East in the alley one block south of 1st street, through Out Lots 31 & 32 Division " 0 " City of Austin. The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Bartholomew moved that he be authorized to appoint a Park Keeper for Wooldridge Park at a salary of \$ 40.00 per month, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the Supt of Parks and Public Property be authorized to purchase one and two tonchain blocks

One 10 K W Transformer,
Two 7½ K W Transformers,

Pipe covering for connections with the Nordberg pump,

300 Electric Light Poles 35 feet in length ,

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The motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5

Petition R V Dixon for damages

Report Engineer appra Extra labor

Supt authorized to extend Electric line

Park Keeper for Wooldridge Park authorized

Supt authorized to purchase certain machinery

Mayor to make
deed to Ben Cleveland

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make a deed of correction to Ben Cleveland to certain real estate, which was read, but no action taken on same.

Unfinished business :

Appraiser approved
Aps

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 15,000.00 for the purpose paying approved accounts. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Appraiser approved
Aps St Dept

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 5,000.00 for the purpose of paying approved accounts Street Dept. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Appraiser buying
Rack & Alfue Co

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 45.00 for the purpose of building a drying rack for East Austin Hose Co. The Ordinance was read the third time and on motion of Councilman Hart was laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Repair Ruiz
Street

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 277.00 for the purpose of repairing Ruiz street. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Appraiser works
Rio Grande St

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 100.00 for the purpose of graveling Rio Grande street and grading West Avenue. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

Improvement
Wooldridge Park

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$79.66 for the purpose of refunding from the General fund to the Street Improvement fund this amount paid out of the Street Improvement fund for work done on Wooldridge Park, which amount should have been paid out of the General fund. The ordinance was read the third time.

Councilman Powell offered as a substitute for the ordinance a resolution directing the City Treasurer to transfer from the General fund to the Street Improvement fund the sum of \$ 79.66, this being amount paid out of the Street Improvement fund for work done on Wooldridge Park, which amount should have been paid out of the General fund. The resolution was substituted for the ordinance by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays none.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

June 8th 1909.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all members present, except Councilman Hart.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Austin,

That : Whereas, in a certain warranty deed executed by the City of Austin, Texas by R E White, its Mayor, dated April 7th, A D 1905, said City purported to convey to one B F Cleveland, for the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$ 50) cash to it paid by said Cleveland, a tract of land eighty and one-half ($80\frac{1}{2}$) feet by one hundred and twenty eight (128) feet, situated in said City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and

Whereas, the description of said property as contained in said deed is erroneous in this, that the point of beginning is recited to be fifteen (15) feet west of the northeast corner of Out lot No forty three ($\frac{1}{2}$) Division " B " of said City, when in fact the proper beginning point to the identical tract of land intended to be conveyed is described as follows:

A point on the north line of said Out lot forty three (43) same being the south line of Magnolia Avenue, now called East Nineteenth Street, and being fifteen (15) feet west of the northwest corner of that certain two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) acre tract sold and conveyed to the City of Austin by the Executors of the estate of J L Short, deceased, by deed dated 21st day of April, A D 1890, and recorded in Book 96 page 39 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas;

Now therefore, the Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, be and he is hereby authorized and required to execute unto the said B F Cleveland a proper deed of correction of said warranty deed dated April 7th, A D 1905, and the City Clerk of the City of Austin, Texas, be and he is hereby authorized and required to attest said deed with his signature and the seal of the City of Austin, Texas, provided, however, that the City of Austin shall be at no expense in said transaction.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy and Powell 4
Nays none.

Councilman Bartholomew moved that a resolution passed by the Council on April 30th 1909, fixing the salary of Assistant Superintendent of the Water & Light Plant, R C Brooks, at \$ 150.00 per month from May 1st 1909, be entered Nunc pro tunc, as of April 30th 1909, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy and Powell 4
Nays none.

Councilman Hart entered the Council, and offered the following resolution.

Whereas the public and this Council are entitled to full information concerning the facts of the pugilistic encounter, which took place at the rooms of Albert Rantz a few evenings ago,

Deed to
B F Cleveland

Resolution fixing
the salary of
Supt. W. L. plant

Resolution to
investigate conduct
of Marshal & Sgt
Police, Pugabue
enclosed

concerning which some reflections have been made upon the failure of the City Marshal to arrest the parties and stop the fight, and whereas the City Council feel that in justice to the public and to the City Marshal an investigation be had.

Be it therefore resolved by the City Council that the said investigation be had on Wednesday, June 9, 1909, at 9 A M, and all persons who have knowledge of this affair and may desire to give evidence are requested to be present and state such facts within their knowledge as may be required by the Council; and the City Attorney is hereby instructed to procure the attendance at such meeting of such witnesses as he can procure.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5

Nays none.

On motion the Council adjourned .

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk.